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# M'KENZIE IS PUT ON HOUSE CRILL

District Committee Quizzes Assistant as to His Part in Realty Dealings.

**OPERATOR GOES ON STAND** 

Allen E. Walker Is Called to Testify-Richards Officer of **Building Association.** 

Continuing to pry into the business dealings and real estate transactions of members of the Board of Tax Assessors, the House District Committee continued its investigation of District affairs today.

Assessor Richards and Assistant Assessor McKenzie were on the stand laying bare every detail of their purchases of real estate, but the committee devoted most of its attention to Mr. McKenzie, having heard Mr. Richards' story from day to day for the past week.

Building Association Officer. Allen E. Walker, a real estate operator, was also a witness today. He was called to testify regarding the land held by Messrs. Richards, McKenzie, and Kalbfus at Twentieth and Belmont

When Tax Assessor Richards resumed the stand the members of the committee abandoned the quest regarding his real estate holdings, and Chairman Johnson suddenly asked if the assessor

was interested in any loan office.
"I am not," said Mr. Richards.
"Are you an officer in a building Mr. Richards replied that he was vice president in the Columbia Association. M. C. Hazen, District Surveyor, he said, president, but much of the work on Floyd E. Davis, banker and

real estate man.
"Do you make a specialty of getting business in certain localities?" asked Congressman George.
"No, the business depends entirely upon the applications."

"In making assessments on houses, you take into consideration any loans association may have made?" have never thought of it,"

the assessor.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if the Columbia Association charged any fees n addition to the interest rate. Mr. Richards said he would like to look into the matter, so as to give an accurate answer, and he was requested to produce later a list of the officers and stockholders of the company, and also a statement of its interest charges.

Realty Broker On Stand. Allen E. Walker, a real estate broker, was then called. He said he had represented the purchasers, Mesers. Richards, McKenzie, and Kalbfus when the assessors acquired the property at Twentieth street and Belmont road. Leonard N. Nicholson, of the real estate office of William Corcoran Hill, testized Mr. Walker had first called his attention to the and he agreed to take it, believing it (Continued on Fourth Page.)

#### Senator Asks Probe Of McAdoo's Charges

Resolutions calling for a Congressional investigation into the charges made by Secretary of the Treasury Mc-Adoo as to depression of Government securities by national banks were introjuced today by Senator Smith of Michi-

He asked that they lie upon the table. intimating that he would deliver speech on the subject.

#### Two Rolling Mills of Powder Plant Explode

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 5.-Rolling Mills No. 11 and 12 of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company blew up at 4:15 this morning, shaking the surrounding country for miles. Paul Penno, an employe of the company, had a narrow escape. He had changed the powder in mills Nos. 6 and 7 and was on his way to Nos. 11 and 12 to do the same thing when they exploded. He small, silver stars, blue tailor-made

### Russian Prince Dies

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 5 .- Princ Mamuroff, a member of one of the most | their statementaristocratic families in Russia and an intimate friend of the celebrated author. Prince Kropotkin, has been found dead of starvation in a cell of the monastery Holy Trinity, where he lived as a monk for some years.

He had abandoned military life. Apparently his existence was forgotten by his brother monks for a fortnight

#### Will Oppose Suffrage.

zation of Catholic women to oppose the meline Pankhurst, who attended the

#### Recesses Taken.

THENTON, August 5 .- For the second mediately by both House and Senate.

#### Walter Johnson Day and Increased

**Prices** 

An Explanation of the Situation and of The Times Protest Against Any Unfair Demands.

The Times' connection with

Walter Johnson Day makes it especially proper that some attention be paid to the great number of criticisms made to it by letter and by word of mouth regarding the change in price for seats in the lower stand. The Times had, of course, nothing to do with the plans of the Baseball Management further than making arrangements for the cup presentation. When, however, it was informed of the intention of the club to change prices it made immediate protest to the management against any proceeding which would be unfair to those who had made the special day possible by contributing to the cup fund. The explanation offered by the club management was as follows:

"The one dollar reserved seat capacity at the park is ample for ordinary days. It is not sufficient for holidays or special occasions. The result is that on extraordinary occasions in order that we may accommodate those who wish reserved seats we add to the usual number of reserved seats those seventy-five cent seats located in the lower stand.

"It is against the rules of the league to reduce the schedule of prices at any league ball park and our schedule calls for one dollar as the lowest price for a reserved seat. Consequently the price of the seats put temporarily in the reserved class is fixed at one dollar.

"We believe that the public is better served in this way than to have a very limited number of teserved seats and make the great majority of those who wish to see the game take chances on getting satisfactory seats."

The Times is informed by the management that the extra reserved seats on Saturday were confined to the lower stand, and that that number was largely insufficient to satisfy the demand, and that complaint was made by many persons desiring reserved seats because larger reservations had not been made. It is further stated by the management that the procedure followed here is the rule at every league park in the coun-

The Times sought in advance of the game to protect the public from any unfair demand, but the solution which it offered of reserving the seventy-five cent seats at the regular price was declared by the club management to be impossible of execution because of the league rules, and taking

the club's explanation of that situation as authoritative there was nothing further that The Times could do

#### Latest News Bulletins

was knocked to the ground, but was not suits and armed with nothing more seriously injured. A thousand pounds of powder went up in smoke.

extremely sensitive concerning her In Cell of Starvation age and always refused to discuss it, but her relatives knew her secret morning patching up blistered feet, well and the family records confirm attending to minor cuts and injuries

> be a murder mystery was uncovered today by the finding of the bruised today by the finding of the bruised tody of an unidentified woman, apparently that years old, in an universe of the bruised of kerosene. Dr. Hudson's discovery of this fact probably prevented a series of explosions finished manhole near the Lynn

#### FOREIGN.

London --- An immense crowd packed BUFFALO, Aug. 5.-A national organi- Kingsway Hall today to see Mrs. Emsuffrage movement has been launched gathering, but was not molested by the police. The weekly suffragette most strenuous day in months in pitchtral Verein, now convening in this city.

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Paris,—Lemans Bablot, driving a Delage car, today won the Grand Irrix de France automobile contest, making 337 miles in four hours twen-THENTON. August 5.—For the second time this year the New Jersey Legislature met in special sesion shortly before making 337 miles in four hours twentone today, only to find all was not Guyot diving a Delage, was second, series, and recesses were taken im-

# FIRE THREATENS MILITIA CAMP BATTLEIN COURT

Work Makes Quick Work of Controlling Flames.

DEMANDS MILITARY POLICE

Peeved at the Flirtatious Guardsmen.

Fire shortly before 2 o'clock this the part of the Second Regiment prebucket brigade and passed water by seniority, is constitutional. from the well a hundred yards away,

#### By CARL D. GROAT.

CAMP ORDWAY, Near Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Aug. 5 .- Mayor Keller, of Bolivar, W. Va., one mile from appeal to the governor of the State the officers of the District National Guard take immediate steps to keep the militiamen quiet hereafter.

Sheltered by an enormous umbrella, attired in his blue work shirt, and minus his collar, the irate mayor prom visited camp today and entered a protest with officers of the guard against what he termed a serious dis-

Peeved By Flirtations.

they passed through the main streets. action which it has no power to con Moreover, they flirted with Bollvar's fair maidens. This last act occasioned the most of the mayor's wrath.

He admitted that Bolivar's police force of one was unable to cope with the situation. He besought the officers of the guard to prevent a repetition of last night's flirtations, and then, receiving only slight satisfaction, threatened to appeal to the governor.

Harpers Ferry, too, is boiling today with discussion of last night's events. but General Harries maintained that the town ought to spend its own money for police, rather than to call on the City District National Guard for a provost guard.

Mayor Wentzell did not carry out his expressed intention of asking for such protection, and it would have done him to good if he had. Similar requests from the overwrought residents of the Ferry in other years have met with flat refusal to interfere.

#### First Mail Arrives.

colder than early winter in Washington, and, with the blanket supply short, the guardsmen put in a bad night. Normal summer weather returned during the morning, however, and the guardsmen and officers' school did their work in scorching heat tempered only by a

slight breeze.

The men of Company C were thrown into a temporary panic early today when they found that their entire cook squad had deserted overnight. While visions of hunger confronted the men. officers skirmished for new cooks, and small, silver stars, blue tailor-made suits and armed with nothing more deadly than bat pins.

Johnstown, Pa.—Miss Elizabeth baker is dead at her home near here. The age of 102. Miss Baker was the government shoes which disappeared when the men did.

Doctors at the field Infirmary camp

> one administering simple remedies for 'll stomachs. Hospital Corps today is "leary"

and the hospital corps had a busy

#### Rain Cools Militiamen.

A driving rainstorm threatened to ruin the first day's stay of the guardsmen in Camp Ordway. It was of short duration, however, and evening came on cool and pleasant. This was a boon for the guardsmen, who had put in the most strenuous day in months in pitchstorm rather marred the success

our, and officers and men ceased work Every guardsman turned in last night (Continued on Fourth Page.)

Second Regiment's Bucket Army Officer Seeks to Force His Promotion to Deputy Quartermaster General.

IMPORTANT ISSUE RAISED

Mayor of Harpers Ferry Sadly Constitutionality of Seniority Law Passed in 1890 Is Involved in Case.

A fight to force the promotion of afternoon threatened to sweep Camp Major Beecher B. Ray, U. S. A., by Ordway, where the District National legal means, began in the Supreme Guard is encamped near Harpers Court of the District today, and al-Ferry, W. Va. Only quick work on most instantly developed a constitutional question of the utmost importvented the flames from spreading ance, according to statements in through the tents. The fire was in court, to the whole United States heaps of dry brush and refuse on the army and navy. The question is hillside directly back of the tents. whether the law of Congress passed The regiment formed a double-line October 1, 1890, ordering promotions

Major Ray's personal character, and in tifteen minutes had the flames much debated in Congressional committee when he was nominated for promotion by President Taft, did not come up in court today.

Principals Not In Court. Neither the plaintiff, who is on duty in Chicago, nor the defendants, who are here, threatened this afternoon to Secretary of War Garrison and Assistant Secretary of War Breckinridge, werin court when Justice Barnard began for protection for his town, unless consideration of the case. Reginald Huldekoper, assistant United States attorney, began argument for the Gov

torney, began argument for the Government, and Stephen A. Day, of Chicago, followed for Major Ray.

"This is a bill," began Mr. Huide-koper, "to enjoin the Secretary of War and the Assistant Secretary of War from certifying to the President the name of any other than the plaintiff for promotion to the position of deputy quartermaster general, with the rank of colonel. The bill is really aimed at the President of the United States, and it asks the court to compel the President to nominate the plaintiff for this position.

"Should the relief sought for be granted, anyone could come into this

turbance in the peaceful environs of granted, anyone could come into this court and nullify all the business of government by restraining communiof departments. It is sought to have The guardsmen, he said, yelled as this court give an order, to direct an (Continued on Fourth Page.)

# AIDS WASHINGTON

Gets Benefit of All on Interstate Charges-Companies Silent.

Washington gets more direct bene-

Tonight there will be another parade on the camp grounds and a concert by one of the regimental bands.

Thirteen hundred guardsmen piled out of their tents today in a half frozen condition. The breeze from the Blue Ridge mountains during the night was colder than early winter in Washington.

Early for instance are interstance are interstance are interstance are interstance and the commission has no jurisdiction over them.

Consequently the reduction does not apply from Baltimore to Hagerstown, but it does apply from Washington to Hagerstown. Likewise if does not apply from Washington to Richmond or Norfolk, but does apply from Washing-ton to either of these points.

The resident Wilson, he said. I hope some way can be found that will enchoir. The bridegroom was a widower, offered me.

"I shall not resign from the New York supreme court until I am certain of returning here."

The Rev. Mr. Miller has been pastor. Tonight there will be another parade ton to either of these points.

Express company men in Washington are not disposed to discuss the new rates for publication until the company attitude is well defined. The only exception under which the Interstate Commerce Commission can fix rates on intra-state shipments is a cases where such a shipment crosses the State border in getting from one point to another For instance the commission can fix rates from Balti-

#### Automobiles in Crash On the Speedway

ginia en route.

Mrs. John Keady, of 3407 M street northwest, was seriously injured in an automobile accident, occurring at Seventeenth and D streets northwest. Seventeenth and D streets northwest. Miss Anna Keady, her daughter, suffered less severe injuries. John Duncan, colored, the driver of the car, was hurt also and was conveyed to the Emergency Hospital, suffering, it is believed, from internal injuries. Duncan, it was reported, was in-Duncan, it was reported, was in-structing Miss Keady in driving the car. When the car neared D street Mirs Keady lost control of the ma-chine and crashed into an automobile can to the hespital A passing automobile conveyed Mrs.

#### Marriage Surprises Congregation



Wooed and Won By Pastor While She Was Leading Soprano in Choir.

Playful Kitten Is Adopted As Mascot By White House Force

The White House has a mascot.

It appeared on the scene today in the form of a playful kitten, which strolled into the Executive Offices, and, without more ado, made himself at home. He was christened at once Woodrow, in honor of the President. Woodrow, be it whispered, carries the mark of Tammany, for there are unmistakable stripes on his forehead. On the whole, however, he is mostly white. During the morning he was very approachable and spent much of his time frisking about the main corridor leading to the Executive Offices. He refused, however, to be interviewed.

#### Gerard May Not Take Berlin Ambassadorship

BERLIN, Aug. 5.-Justice James W. fit from the proposed reduction of Gerard, of New York, is quoted in an express rates by the Interstate Com- interview today in a Berlin newspaper The Guardsmen today received their merce Commission than any other as saying that it is possible he might George A. Miller, pastor of the church, first mail from home, and there was a city. This benefit is derived because yet decide not to accept the post of took as his wife late yesterday afterwild scramble for the messages as soon all rates from Washington are inter- United States ambassador to Germany. as the carrier had dumped his two bags state rates. Many of the short dis- "I shall leave Thursday for home, tance rates from other big cities, such and shall discuss the situation with as Baltimore, for instance are inter- President Wilson," he said, "I hope

#### McGinnis Is New Head Of Revenue Agents

cumberland cross a part of West Vir-George W. Trowbridge, who will leave Washington this evening to take charge of the Eastern division at Philadelphia.
E. C. Yellowley, agent at Philadelphia, is now in Washington, and will leave in a day or two for St. Paul, Minn, where he will succeed Mr. McGinnis. Other changes in the Internal Revenue Service among agents and collectors will be made within the next few days, it is believed. Mr. Trowbridge has been in charge of the field op-tions of the bureau for many years.

#### Fells Runaway Horse And Saves Preacher

POUGHKEEPSIE, Aug. 5 .- A fence rail wielded by a colored man saved the lives of the Rev. and Mrs. I. T. Stafford, of the Cranford Paving Company.

The preacher and his wife were ridEall was not injured and drove Duning behind a spirited colt, which took The preacher and his wife were riding behind a spirited colt, which took fright at the raising of the wagon-top and started on a mad dash down a steep and rocky road.

Amos William, a farm hand, who was

"Good Joke," Says Old Roman.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—President Comiskey. of the Chicago White Sox. Ioday
declared the story that he was looking
for a successor to Manager Callahan
was "a good joke."

Amos William, a farm hand, who was
walking along the road, heard the clatter of the horse's hoofs on the rocky
roadway. Running to a fence nearby
be grabbed a rail, tore it from the fence
and struck the mad horse on the head,
knocking it to the ground. This saved
the lives of the frightened occupants of
the rig.

The Rev. GEORGE A. MILLER, Pastor of Ninth Street Christian Church

SOMONATON

# CAPITAL CLERGYMAN **CLAIMS YOUNG BRIDE**

Christian Church Pastor, 51, Weds Twenty - Year - Old Member of His Choir.

Somewhat of a surprise was sprung on the congregation of the Ninth Street Christian Church, when the Rev. noon Miss Emma Ruth Roy, twenty years old, the daughter of Mrs. Emma V. Roy, of 416 Tenth street northeast,

of the Ninth Street Christian Church for six years. His bride was a fourteen-year-old member of the congrega-tion when he came to the church. It was not until last winter that Cupid drove his arrow at the rector. Early this year the Rev. Mr. Miller bought an outomobile, and the sight of Miss Roy point to another For instance the commission can fix rates from Baltimore to Cumberland though they are both in Maryland, because the principal iransportation lines from Baltimore to Cumberland cross a part of West Virginia en route. West Virginia en route who was performed by the Rev. Earl Willey, of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church. Only the bride's relatives and the Rev. Mr. Willey's bousekeeper Mrs. Frank Briggs. Miller's housekeeper, Mrs. Frank Briggs, were present.

#### IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE

Former Senator Foraker before Jobby committee Petitions for investigation of McAdoo

against currency legislation this sea-Agreement reached to consider Hetch- the second, third, and fourth floors. Hetchy bill Friday.

ongressman Ragsdale announced would speak on Currency next Friday. on, not knowing the danger. ongressman Levy Introduced resolution requesting Secretary McAdoo for statement of transfers of Government 2 per cent bonds since July 1. ongressman Kindel delivered speech parcel post rates.

District investigation continued House lobby investigation begun.

# RIDGE HOTEL BY FIRE

Two Hundred Forced to Flee in Scanty Attire When Flames Sweep Blue Mountain House. Many Narrowly Escape-Two Persons Are Badly Burned—Visitors Lose Valuables.

#### JEWELRY AND CLOTHING WORTH \$100,000 DESTROYED; HOTEL LOSS IS \$200,000

BLUE MOUNTAIN HOUSE, Pa., Aug. 5 .- Fire that started in the basement of the Blue Mountain House, a noted summer resort accommodating about 200 guests largely from Washington and Baltimore, destroyed the building shortly after 6 o'clock this morning. Two persons were injured.

B. E. Metzer and Malcolm Frank, both of Norfolk, Va., were badly burned about the face and hands and were taken to Waynesboro, Pa., to a hospital.

In the hotel when the flames were discovered in a porter's room, were about 200 guests, and fifty employes. The flames soon spread to the elevator shaft. Fire escapes prevented loss of life. Most of the guests rushed to safety in their night clothes, losing all their effects.

The loss of clothing and jewelry is estimated at \$100,000. Mrs. Caples, wife of C. A. Caples, of the Western Maryland freight department, lost \$2,000 worth of jewelry. The loss to the building is estimated at \$200,000.

The hotel was managed by Bond & Gibson, and is owned by a company of Baltimoreans. It was built about twenty years ago.

The officials of the Western Maryland railroad sent a special train carrying clothing and physicians, which reached here early, but not before nearly 100 of the refugees had boarded the Blue Mountain express and left for Baltimore. Few of them were clad, many were wrapped in blankets and sheets.

The fire started in a room used by the porters at 5:50 a. m., in the middle of the building. A gas jet had been left burning, and it is supposed the wind blew a curtain against the flame.

As soon as the fire was discovered the hotel force manned the fire fighting apparatus and turned a stream upon the flames, but on account of the highly inflammable character of the building the flames had gained such headway that the efforts to quench it proved futile.

Many of the guests joined the fire-fighting brigade and rendered valuable assistance. Henry A. McComas, president of the Blue Mountain House Company, who has a summer home at Blue Ridge Summit, was notified early of the fire and hastened to the scene and personally directed the work of the brigade and looked after the comfort of the guests.

#### FIRE DISCOVERED BY A PORTER.

ter saw smoke coming from the base- stairs soon were wiped out. A watchman, running in answer to his

call, saw the smoke turn to flames and spread with appalling rapidity. The watchman fired his pistol off four times-all the cartridges he had-and

then with the porter ran into the hotel "Fire!" they yelled, and clerks and leaners yelled "Fire!" downstairs to the waiters and beliboys getting into their clothes for the day's work.

The blaze was coming from a room Senator Hitchcock speaks strongly near the elevator shaft, and as the waiters darted up the steps they raced with flames that leaped up the shaft behind them. There were 175 guests sleeping or

Waiters and bell boys pounded on

each door. "Don't try the front stairs-the back stair is the place, or the fire escapes, ongressman Stephens introduced bill to the hurrying messengers of danger

At about 6 o'clock this morning a por- it spread down each floor. The from A half hour later the hotel was a mass of smoldering ruins,

#### **Knights of Columbus Welcomed to Boston**

BOSTON, Aug. 5.-Calling upon al Knights of Columbus to follow the teachings of Pope Pius X and Presiden Wilson to save society from disruption and pointing out the great dangers that are imminent in the world, Bishop Anderson, in the name of the Boston archdiocese and Cardinal O'Connell today extended a cordial welcome to delegate: from all parts of North America to the thirty-first national convention of the There were 175 guests sleeping on the second, third, and fourth floors. The pistol shots had awakened some, but the large majority of them slept on, not knowing the danger.

Pounded on Doors.

There were 175 guests sleeping on thirty-first national convention of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

Nearly 25,000 visitors are in the city today to attend the convention, which is to the convention, which is to the convention.

#### Reach an Agreement.

next Friday in the House of the bill repeal neutrality laws affecting revo-lutionists.

Interpolation continued.

Interpolation cont